

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES

School Year 2021-22

Spring Term

INSET Day:

Tuesday 4th January

First day of Term:

Wednesday 5th January

Half Term:

Friday 11th February to

Friday 18th February 2022

Last day of Term:

Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term

INSET Day:

Tuesday 19th April

First day of Term:

Wednesday 20th April

Bank Holiday:

Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term:

Monday 30th May to

Friday 3rd June

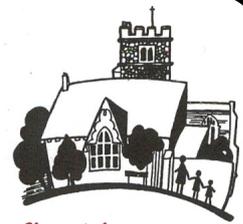
Last Day of Term:

Friday 22nd July

IN TOUCH

Friday 7th January 2022

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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

A very happy new year from all of us here at St. Mary's! It's great to be back at school this week and to see all of you and your wonderful children. Huge thanks from all of us here for the very generous gifts and thoughtful cards you sent before Christmas—it was greatly appreciated. We hope you all had a joyful time with friends and family and look forward to what 2022 will bring. We also hope that you enjoyed the performance of 'The Big Little Nativity' that Early Years and Key Stage One presented before Christmas—I don't know about you, but I'm still humming some of the songs. Huge thanks to Mrs McCarthy and the staff team for all of the hard work that went in.

I would also like to say a very big thank you to Lindsey Lillywhite for another brilliant edition of St. Mary's News—it was lovely to see our termly magazine back at the end of the term and we hope you enjoyed reading it over the break. We are already hard at work to create the content for the next edition. All of the children have come back brilliantly and have settled well—including some new Nursery children as more of their class stagger into school during early January.

Our Covid Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan have both been updated in line with the latest guidance and will be available on the website shortly. Likewise, class half-termly letters are now available to view on the school website. Home learning for all children will begin next week.

Ms. Maxwell, our Reception Teaching Assistant, left us at the end of term. The Reception class is currently being supported by a supply colleague and a recruitment notice has already been posted. We hope to fill this role as quickly as possible, but most importantly to find the best possible candidate for our current and future Reception children. We will keep you posted with news as soon as we have some. We thanked Ms. Maxwell for her contribution at the end of term and wished her well in her new home with her partner. We are still in touch—so if there are any messages that parent/carers would like to pass on then please let us know.

We have a number of stunning landscapes of the school on display in various offices around the building. Many of them document the changes to the building over the last 202 years the school has been in existence. I was wondering if there was anyone out there who is a landscape artist or anyone who knows one who would be willing to capture the most recent changes to the school building and produce a piece of artwork to add to our collection? Please contact me via the school office/email if you know of anyone who would be willing to contribute their time and artistic gifts in this way.

Many of us have acquired new members of our kin over the last few months and now have a furry canine family member. At the end of last term, a number of parents mentioned how scared some of their children are of dogs and the challenge in getting children to come through the school gates when there are one or a few dogs present. Could I ask all dog owners to be conscious of this and to ensure that the entrance to school is clear for everyone to come and go from school safely and happily please. Many thanks in advance.

Finally this week, a quick reminder that we are a nut and sesame seed free school. We continue to have children in school who have life threatening nut/sesame allergies and so we remain a nut and sesame free zone. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school for morning break—we recommend fruit or vegetable sticks. These are also available in school for children in Early Years and Key Stage One. We ask parents who provide their child with a packed lunch to ensure that contents comply with the guidelines set out by the British Nutritional Foundation which outlines the following: a good portion of starchy food, a portion of lean meat, fish, eggs, pulse or non-dairy protein; plenty of fruit and vegetables and a portion of dairy and a drink.

As the cold sets in, I hope you have something planned that will bring you joy and rest whilst warming you up over the weekend. We look forward to seeing you all for more fun and learning next week.

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Whole School Attendance 2021 - 22

Autumn Term	95.3%
Spring Term	
Week beginning	Percentage
03/01	89%
10/01	
17/01	
24/01	
31/01	
07/02	
Total:	95%

Family Points

